in the home of Gruber, which if exploded would have reduced the Mount Clare shops, where 1,000 men were at work, to a heap of debris. Nincteen pounds of the explosive was found by a detective in the home of Gruber, who is charged with conspiracy.

The detectives have also secured confessions that an unsuccessful attempt was made to blow up the Baltimore and Chio's Riverside round-house last October.

WILL FORCE FIGHT

Progressives Preparing for War on Stand-Patters.

DES MOINES, I.A., Jahuary 2.—Progressive Republicans celebrated New Year's in Des Moines by holding a series of conferences preceding the Cummins dollar dinner, at which plans were made for forcing the fight upon the stand-patters in every part of the State. Plans which may result in the selection of a Progressive to make the race in the Republican primaries against Governor Carroll, who will ask for a seechd term, were made.

Senator Cummins brought enthusiasm to a high pitch with his speech

asm to a high pitch with his speech defining the attitude of the Progressives. His deciaration that the fight is only begun and that the Progressives do not intend to relax their vigilance in the least indicated that he will tour love speakily accompanies. will tour Iowa, probably accompanied by Senator Dolliver, to campaign for the nomination of Progressive candi-dates for Congress in every district. Cummins, while admitting the de-feat of the Progressive element in the recent session of Congress, asserted that the issue will be different before the first ends. He maintained senses the fight ends. He maintained repeat-edly that the record of the stand-patters and their administration is a record of inertia and one lacking in-illative and the power to hold the stand-pat leaders, declaring their "do nothing" policy will spell the ruin of their hopes. He asserted that the anti-trust laws are disregarded, and that Congress is largely at the mercy of the "Interests."

ATTACK NEW CITY CHARTER

Memphis Citizens Start Fight on Commission Form of Government.

MEMPHIS, TENN., January 2—The constitutionality of the new charter of the city of Memphis, creating a commission form of municipal government, which became operative at midnight New Year's was attacked yesterday in the Chancery Court. Seven prominent citizens filed suit against Mayor E. H. Crump and the four commission despoile powers.

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Best Form of Municipal Government Theme at Conference This Week.

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dered by other than the crudest of fighting apparatus, began about 10 o'clock last night and left in its wake a scene of desolation rarely witnessed in a town of like size. The glare light, ed up a sky section which was plain. It is wake as seen to desolation rarely witnessed in a town of like size. The glare light, ed up a sky section which was plain. It is seen from Suffolk, twelve miles distant. Everything in reach was burned by early morning. The loss of \$115,000 would not mean so much in a congested city district, but when it includes half a figle or stores and homes it looms momentous and is sald by insurance men to be the most sweeping ever suffered by a small Virginia town in which no large plant or special hazard was involved.

Embers and firebrands carried for hundreds of yards, and before the business district in which the blaze began was leveled residences one-fourth of a mile away were aflame.

Some inhabitants fought the filames frantically, while others, chilled and responsible and theatre, were the stores of I. A. Luke, Wilson J. Holland, S. W. Council, Willis T. Howell, J. Edward Holland, S. F. G. Howell's and Clothing Company, J. T. Rawles & Co., J. T. Cutchins, J. K. P. Daughtrey, B. W. Council, Willis T. Howell, J. Edward Holland, S. Howell's and J. H. Britt's livery stables, the offices of Dr. J. G. Holland, Dr. Frantikin Pierce, and Edwards & Co., Reed's barber shop, ware-shouse of J. A. Luke, W. J. Holland and S. W. Holland, and Dr. Holland's properties of the store of the store

ly stated that "It may consider and recommend any other matters of legislation, which may appear to it to be expedient."

Sessions Open to Public.

The sessions of the conference will be open to the public. For some time the question of some changes in the form of city government in Richment in the interests of economy, increased efficiency and more direct responsibility has been under consideration, and has commanded some of the best thought of the city, in and out of the city government. The meeting on the eve of the Legislature will therefore new watched with the greatest interest in Richmend, as we'l as in all of the larger cities of the State, where the belief is growing that the tevins them; selves have outgrown their methods of administration, and that village methods and ideals must be discarded.

CHAMPION BACKS DOWN

dual Towns.

Changes in the form of government for Virginia cities will be discussed at a conference to be held at the Jefferson Hotel on Thursday and Friday of this week. Representatives will be present from the city governments and the commercial organizations of Richmond, Roancke, Norfolk, Charlottesville, Staunton, Alexandria Towns 19 Constable collections of Richmond, Roancke, Norfolk, Charlottesville, Staunton, Alexandria Towns 19 Constable collections of Richmond, Roancke, Norfolk, Charlottesville, Staunton, Alexandria Towns 19 Constable collections of Richmond, Roancke, Norfolk, Charlottesville, Staunton, Alexandria Towns 19 Constable collections 19 Const

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A CARD

To the Public and Every Customer, large or small, that has placed a brick to the building of my success to date: As I am now entering into the New Year, 1910, I wish to thank every patron that has patronized me, and most especially during the old year, 1909. I must confess that I am very happy and proud to say that 1909 has been the most successful one of my existence here as a wood and coal merchant. I have always been appreciative and very thankful, but at close of 1909 I am niore encouraged, and wish it possible for me to thank every contributor personally. I am starting out this year with the best present and a most flattering outlook for the future, which is due to the kind words of friends and patronage of thousands of housekeepers. With a corps of five experienced, courteous men, we

prison in Atlanta, serve a short sentence, and come back home to refluing business at the same old stand. It is not often that a revenue officer is shot to-day, and the moonshiners will usually submit to arrest rather than use a gun. At every telm of the Federal Court there is a large array of "moonshiners" awaiting trial, which makes up a considerable majority of the court's business here.

BARONET A SWINDLER

American Girá Gave Up All Her, Meney, Then Had Britisher Locked Up, LONDON, January 2.—Herbert Frantic Coventry, and remanded on a specific charge made by Miss Clara Libbey, an American girl to whom he was arrested at Coventry, and remanded on a specific charge made by Miss Clara Libbey, an American girl to whom he was engaged to be married, of converting to his own use some \$500 of her money, was committed for trial to-day. Trom the testimony given to-day it appears that Francis and Miss Libbey hecame acquainted at New Haven. Conn., where she lived. Trancis was working at the time as a chauffour and doged at the house of Miss Libbey in added and further sums after their arrival in England, in fact, Francis got practically every cent of Miss Libbey in America and further sums after their arrival in England, in fact, Francis got practically every cent of Miss Libbey in America and further sums after their arrival in England, in fact, Francis got practically every cent of Miss Libbey in America and further sums after their arrival in England, in fact, Francis got practically every cent of Miss Libbey in money, Francis, when arrested, was armed with a sloaded revolver.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary E. Davis, died this morn-

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HARRIS-Died. at his home, 1003
Hickory Street, January I. 1910, at
10:40 o'clock P. M., HENRY HARRIS.
For a number of years he was employed by Mr. Dupuy, one of the
former druggists of the city, later
by Mr. T. A. Miller, and, lastly, by
Mr. George A. Thompson, in whose
employment he was until the time of
his death. He was highly esteemed
by all with whom he came in contact. He leaves a wife, two grandchildren and a host of friends, who
will mourn their loss.
Funeral TO-MORROW (Tucsday)
AFTERNOON at 2:30 o'clock from
residence.

MASON.—Died. Sunday, January 2, 1910, at 9:50 A. M., at his residence, 2706 at 9:50 A. M., at his residence, 2705
East Main Street, JOSEPH W. MASON, in the sixty-first year of his
age.
The funeral will take place TOMORROW (Tuesday) AFTERNOON,
January 4, at 2 o'clock, from Leigh
Street Baptist Church. Interment in
Oakwood.

MANSON.—Died, Saturday, January 1, 1910, at the Hotel Guerrant, Richmond, at 7:30 P. M., CHARLES HENRY MANSON, of Columbia, S. C., in the eightleth year of his age, The funeral will be at the Monumental Church at 12 noon TO-DAY (Monday), January 3, 1910. Interment at Sheckee Cemetery, Columbia (S. C.) papers please copy.

WINFREE.—Died, at Midlothian, Sunday, January 2, 1919. HOLLAND WINFREE, youngest son of Rev. R. H. Winfree, in the thirteenth year of his age.

Funeral from Bethel Baptist Church THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, January 3, at 2 oclock.

SUMMERS.—Died, in Baltimore, Jan-uary 2, CAPTAIN GEORGE A. SUM-MERS. MERS. Funeral at Hollywood TO-MOR-ROW (Tuesday) immediately after the arrival of the 1:10 train.

HARRIS.—Died, at No. 3 East Grace Street, at 10:30 P. M., January 2, MISS MARY HARRIS. Funeral from the home THIS (Monday) MORNING at 9:30 o'clock,

ADAMS,—Died, January 2, 1910, at her residence, 327 West Seventy-sixth Street, New York, TERESA B, ADAMS, widow of Samuel R, Adams, formerly of Alexandria, Va. KEIL.—Died, January 1, 1910, at the residence of his parents, in Highland Park, CHARLES ALEXANDER KEIL, aged five months and twenty days, Funeral yesterday at 3 P. M.

DAVIS.—Died, at the residence of her son, 546 West Murshall Street, at 12:45 A. M. Monday, MRS, MARY 12, 1DAVIS. Funeral notice later,

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